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A method and system is disclosed for automated event polling in a network. A server receives a HTTP request for data from a database on the server. A client generates the HTTP request for the data. The server responds to the request by reformatting the data into an XML format. The server then transmits the data in XML format to the client. The client receives the data transmitted from the server in XML format and converts the data in XML format to a format used by the client software.